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2012/20. Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision 2010/259 of 23 July 2010, in which it invited the Inter-Agency Committee on Bioethics to further its work in this field,

Recalling also its decision 2011/242 of 26 July 2011, by which it took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on genetic privacy and non-discrimination,[1]

1. *Recognizes* the diversity of existing initiatives undertaken by various organizations within and outside the United Nations system and geared to safeguarding human rights from the potential misuse of genetic information for discriminatory purposes;

2. *Invites* the Inter-Agency Committee on Bioethics to continue to address regularly the issue of genetic privacy and non-discrimination in order to identify areas for concerted or joint efforts, as well as major gaps and constraints that need to be addressed for enhanced cooperation in this field;

3. *Decides* to delete from its agenda the sub-item entitled "Genetic privacy and non-discrimination".

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[1] E/2011/108.

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